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FROM US REP MBFR

PHONE CALL EARLIER ON APRIL 9) HAD INDICATED SOVIETS
WOULD ASK ON APRIL 10. GROUP AGREED THAT ALLIES SHOULD TRY TO
PRESERVE THE WORD " MEASURES" EVEN THOUGH IT UPSETS THE SOVIETS
BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT REFERS DIRECTLY TO CONSTRAINTS; OTHER
CHANGES WOULD BE OF MINOR IMPORTANCE, BUT SHOULD BE RESISTED
FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES.

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8. US REP POINTED OUT THAT FACT THAT ALLIES HAVE NOT AGREED TO LISTING HUNGARY AS A SPECIAL PARTICIPANT MAKES IT SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS STATUS OF THE AGREED STATEMENTS IN DETAIL. OUR POSITION MUST THEREFORE BE SIMPLY THAT ANY AGREED STATEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN THE PAPER.

9. ITALIAN REP (PETRIGNANI) SUGGESTED THAT ENLARGEMENT LANGUAGE BE LIMITED TO SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SOVIETS FROM TURNING MBFR INTO A REGIONAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AT SOME FUTURE POINT. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD PREFER THE LIMITATION (WHICH SOVIETS HAD REJECTED) TO STATES WITH FORCES OR TERRITORY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. US REP POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS WOULD NOT ACCEPT A FORMULA WHICH RULED OUT FRANCE.

10. AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE OVER POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOVIET TEXT, PROPOSED BY TURKISH, ITALIAN, UK (ROBERTS) AND BELGIAN (ADRIAENSSEN) REPS. US AND NETHERLANDS REPS POINTED OUT THAT EACH OF THESE POINTS HAD BEEN MADE AT LENGTH AND REJECTED BY SOVIETS ON APRIL 7 AND THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL (INCLUDING STATEMENT C) HAD BEEN PRESENTED AS THE END PRODUCT OF EXTENSIVE DEBATE AND THEN AS FINAL CONCESSION ON A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS. PROPOSING CHANGES RISKED STARTING AN UNRAVELLING PROCESS. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT GROUP SHOULD RESPECT THE JUDGMENT OF ITS EMISSARIES ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER GIVE IN THE SOVIET POSITION. TURKISH REP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THERE WAS MORE GIVE, AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT BRING THE PRESENT PROPOSAL TO NAC UNTIL WE HAD TRIED TO IMPROVE IT. BELGIAN REP OBSERVED THAT DISCUSSION OF DETAILS WOULD BE MORE FRUITFUL LATER IN THE WEEK, BUT THAT PRESENT TEXT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO SELL TO NAC AND PUBLIC. ITALIAN REP SAID HE THOUGHT ALLIES MIGHT BE PAYING TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR THEIR PROPOSED STATEMENTS ON HUNGARY IN FORM OF ENLARGEMENT STATEMENT. NORWEGIAN REP (WIKBERG) ASKED ABOUT OMITTING A LIST OF THE SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS, AND WAS REMINDED BY TURKISH AND GREEK REPS THAT SOUTHERN FLANK HAS OPPOSED THIS.

11. NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP WILL BE AT 4 PM, APRIL 10, IN THE US EMBASSY. HUMES

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